Extension of Metro Railway beyond Dum Dum

3455. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to consider the extension of the Metro Railway beyond Dum Dum;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Areas beyond Dum Dum are already served by suburban rail services.

Laying of railway line between Sealdah and Barasat

3456. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to lay a railway line between Sealdah and Barasat for better running of trains;

(b) the steps to be taken or proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Constraint of resources.

Gauge conversion in Bihar

3457. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the existing metre gauge lines in Bihar;

(b) the details of the metre gauge lines proposed to be converted into broad gauge in the coming three years; and

(c) whether all the existing metre gauge lines are proposed to be converted into broad gauge during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The Metre Gauge lines are as under:

(1) Muzaffarpur-Sagauli-Valmikinagar (2) Narkatiaganj - Bhiknathori (3) Narkatiaganj-Raxaul - Darbhanga (4) Darbhanga-Samastipur (5) Darbhanga-Jaynagar (6) Jhahjharpur-Laukaha Bazar (7) Sakri-Nirmalin (8) Sagauli-Raxaul (9) Samastipur-Khagaria-Mansi (10) Mansi-Forbesganj (11) Saharasa-Purnea (12) Banmankhi - Bihariganj (13) Katihar-Jogbani (14) Samastipur-Barauni (15) Katihar- Barsoi- Galgalia (16) Barsoi-Radhikapur (17) Thanabihpur-Mahadeopur Ghat (18) Hajipur-Bachwara (19) Chhapra-Siwan loop (20) Thawe-Jalapur (21) Chhapra-Aunrihar (Part)

(b) The following lines are proposed for conversion:

(1) Muzaffarpur-Raxaul (2) Sagauli-Narkatiaganj-Valmikinagar (3) Chhapra-Aunrihar (4) Samastipur-Darbhanga.

(c) No. Sir.

Progress in the Selection of Physiotherapist in the Northern Railway Hospital

3458. SHRI G.Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3675 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th March, 1992 and state the progress made so far in the selection and appointment of a qualified Physiotherapist in the Northern Railway, Hospital, Moradabad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.